

KNOTTINGLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1941.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

In view of the present circumstances and the Ministry of Health Circular dated 25/10/38, I append herewith abbreviated statistics for the year 1941.

General Statistics.

Area in Acres.	2,837
Registrar General's Estimated Population.	8,894
Number of Inhabited Houses.	2,442
Rateable Value.	£53,177
Product of One Penny Rate.	£287

The population is increased by 128 in 1941.

Vital Statistics.

Live Births, Legitimate, 80 Males. 66 Females. Total. 146) 163
 Illegitimate, 8 Males. 9 Females. Total. 17)
 Birth Rate per 1,000 Population, 18.35

Still Births, Legitimate, 6 Males. 6 Females. Total. 12
 Illegitimate, - - - - -
 Rate per 1,000 live and still births, 73.6

Deaths, All causes, 70 Males. 38 Females. Total. 108
 Deaths from:-

Cancer (all ages).	9
Measles "	0
Whooping Cough "	1
Diarrhoea (under 2 years).	2

Death Rate per 1,000 Population 12.14

The Birth Rate in the Knottingley Urban District is 18.35 against 14.71 for England and Wales. The Death Rate from all causes is 12.14 against 12.19 for England and Wales, so that both these figures compare favourably.

The Infantile Death Rate for the Country is 59, Knottingley 73.6 (last year 27.8)

The principal causes of death were heart diseases, 33 cases, there were two deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)

Infectious Diseases.

	Number notified.	Removed to Hospital.	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever.	13	11	-
Whooping Cough.	95	-	1
Diphtheria.	10	9	1
Erysipelas.	1	-	-
Measles.	32	-	-
Pneumonia.	32	-	4
Puerperal Fever or Pyrexia.	1	-	-
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis.	-	-	2
Tuberculosis, Pulmonary.	-	-	3
" Non "	-	-	2

The above rates are less than the whole County and may be considered reasonable, except in the cases of Whooping Cough.

Military personnel were housed in the District, but mostly in independant billets except for a few soldiers and their wives.

The Sanitary conditions and circumstances are dealt with by the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. G. J. Laverick in his report, there are no special matters calling for special comment.

I am, Gentlemen, Your Obedient Servant.

J. Kehelly. M.O.H.

